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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Reverend Dr. Robert Henderson, First Baptist Church, Lincoln, Illinois, offered the following prayer:

Our Father, deliver us from shallow words and impure motivations as we pray to You this day. Forgive us for our arrogance, selfishness and greed.

This morning we ask for Your blessing upon our Nation. Restore our hope, strengthen our faith, and teach us Your love. Enable us to be a nation that cares as we pursue peace, practice mercy and offer compassion.

We pray, O Lord, that You would establish the cause of the faithful, give comfort to those that suffer, and set right the injustices within our Nation and the world.

Protect those that defend our cherished freedoms as they serve within our military branches.

Give wisdom to our community leaders, our courts, and our national representatives.

Renew our commitment of service to the people of our Nation and to the greater good of all humanity.

These things we pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

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WELCOMING THE REVEREND DR. ROBERT HENDERSON

The SPEAKER. Without objection, gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SCHOCK) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. SCHOCK. It is my honor to welcome to the Chamber Pastor Henderson, who just gave us the opening prayer. Pastor Henderson contacted me when he was planning his family's trip to Washington, D.C. It had been a dream of his to be able to give the opening prayer, and I was pleased to be able to recommend him to the Speaker to have that privilege.

In addition to his pastoral duties at his home church, the First Baptist Church in Lincoln, Illinois, he is also a pastor for Memorial Medical Center, located in Springfield, Illinois. In addition to that, he's a public servant in his own right, being elected to his second term now for the West Lincoln-Broadwell School Board. He's in a whole host of organizations, constantly giving back to not only his family but his community, being a member of the Lincoln Area Musical Society orchestra and an officer of the Cub Scouts organization in his community.

He is joined here today with his wife and children, who are seated in the gallery: His wife, Melissa; his daughter, Burgundy; and his son, Joshua. We thank you and welcome you to the United States Capitol. We wish you and your family a good time as you learn more about our American history. Thank you for offering the prayer this morning.

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 additional 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING CORPORAL KEVIN CUETO

(Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the life and service of Marine Corporal Kevin Cueto of San Jose, California, who was killed in action on June 24, 2010, in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. He was 23 vears old.

Kevin was born in Santa Clara County, and grew up in San Jose, moving to Campbell while in high school to live with his dad. At Westmont High School, Kevin was a member of the football, baseball, and wrestling teams, as well as the Reserve Officers Training Corps. Following high school, determined to serve his country and his family, Kevin enlisted in the Marines, and was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Divi-Marine Expeditionary Force, based in Twentynine Palms, California. Corporal Cueto served a tour in Iraq in 2009 before being deployed to Afghanistan earlier this year. Last week, he was tragically killed when his patrol was struck by a roadside bomb while conducting combat operations. His awards and decorations include the Purple Heart, the Navy and Marine Achievement Medal, the Na-Corps tional Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

Corporal Cueto leaves behind his parents and a younger brother. I extend my sincerest gratitude to him and my condolences to his family. I ask every

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